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WILL THE TOWN PERMIT SLUMS TO THRIVE AFTER THE EPIDEMIC HAS DONE ITS WORK

WM. HOPKINS HOME ON 15 DAY FURLOUGH

Private William Hopkins is home on a fifteen day furlough from West Point Military Academy where he is attached to the Medical department as ambulance driver. Private Hopkins is a son of Mr. and Mrs Wm. Hopkins of No. 2 Schoonmaker avenue, and he expects to leave for West Point Sunday. He enlisted in Pittsburgh and left Monessen September 25th, going to Columbus Barracks, Ohio, from where he was later transferred to West Point. He states that he along with a large company of West Pointers are to be sent overseas as soon as the 15 day furlough is ended.

HEALTH BOARD WILL MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The meeting of the board of health Friday night will be for the purpose of hearing reports and considering conditions as they actually exist at that time. When it is decided to lift the ban and restore business conditions to a normal status it will be done without any reservation whatever and the notice may go forth without any warning. An attempt to get a line on the possibilities for a removal of the ban proved futile this morning as it was stated the board of health believes there should be no disappointment on the part of the public. It is not likely that the churches and Sunday schools will be opened in advance of the business places.

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Public Sentiment Should Back a Movement for Purging of Tenement Sections

What about the slums? While the atmosphere is clearing of the awful scourge that has hung like a pall over this community for the past four weeks leaving homes in mourning and rendering children parentless, it is time for some reflection as to our policy for the future. There are many places in this town where the sunshine must be let in if we are to have a healthy community and keep the people free from disease. While this influenza epidemic made a general visitation on almost every spot on the globe, the death rate was greater and the disease laid a firmer hold on the places where housing conditions were the worst.

Monessen presents a sanitary situation that is alarming. The garbage cans of the town are running over as the result of inexperienced councilmen defying public sentiment and inaugurating a municipally controlled system with no person at its head. It has failed miserably and the people are now clamoring for a service, but they are suffering for lack of service. The desire now is to shoulder it on the the board of health; a body of men volunteering service without remuneration for the welfare of the community. This is not right, and while the board of health may assist in a solution, it is not to blame for present condition.

Then again, what about the slums? There are places in this city where whole families have been taken down with influenza where the only ventilation comes through a transom over the front door, all the other portion of the house is under the hill. These families are crowded in without regard to number and air space per individual, and as long as they are able to pay the rent they are permitted to remain there without any sanitary regulations or civic compulsions as to health. The children are reared here and are sent out from these places into our public schools, and the only instructions in cleanliness they get is what is taught them in the schools. Are we all satisfied with this?

The community and not the landlord seems responsible for the unwholesome housing conditions. There has never been any building restrictions in the town; no building inspector and no official requirements to meet with regard to property constructions. Persons who wish to profit from the sweat of the poor man's brow are at perfect liberty to do so.

people to live anywhere and under any conditions, as many as wish to may crowd in given quarters. The mills that employ the labor, import it here to do the work are mighty indifferent to the welfare of the people who come here. In fact many of them assume no responsibility for the conditions in the town, and in addition to this indifference, which is little less than criminal, many of our town citizens who live here, have property interests cast here, take little or no interest in what is going on.

This town must now wake up. We must throw off this indifference and all work to the upbuilding and purifying of Monessen. The men who employ labor must join us—they must join us in a crusade for better conditions—and church and lodge and school must work with one accord to develop a better citizenship. The tumble down houses where there is neither light nor ventilation must be officially condemned, and the men who rent shacks must be taught that they assume certain responsibilities of people they house. A house with two small rooms with a commode in the hallway with no enclosure about it and six people forced by virtue of financial circumstances to live there, and sleep there, is simply one of the many examples of living conditions here.

Public sentiment must force the shack out of business and hereafter people living in Monessen must be comfortably housed or not housed at all. Every unsanitary, unfit place must be condemned and landlords told to either vacate unhealthy premises or put them in shape In order to bring about the reforms that are needed. everybody must get busy and help with the big job that confronts the town right now.

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Our soldiers and sailors are enlisted until the Commander in Chief tells them there is no more work for them to do in the war. Let every Red Cross member and worwer show our returning soldiers and sailors that to care for their health, welfare and happiness, we are enlisted with them to that end.

The cessation of war will reveal a picture of misery such as the world has never seen before. especially in the many countries which cannot help themselves. The American people will expect the Red Cross to continue to act as their agent in repairing broken spirits and broken bodies. The heart and spirit of the American people must continue to be mobilized through the American Red Cross.

On behalf of the Red Cross War Council, we accordingly ask each member of our splendid body of workers throughout the land to bear in mind the salemn obligation which rests upon each one to carry on. There will be an abundance of work to do and in this moment of peace let no Red Cross worker falter.

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BOYS FROM CAMP WILL SOON BE DISCHARGED

Chances of the Ninety-fifth division at Camp Sherman going overseas went glimmering yesterday when orders were received from Washington cancelling all shipping orders, meaning that not a man at Camp Sherman will be given an opportunity to go abroad. It had been confidently expected and many of the men hoped they would be able to go abroad within the next two or three months to relieve organizations which have been fighting and scheduled to return to the United States.

Big industries throughout the country are notifying division headquarters that they will soon re-employ all former employes as soon as they are honorably discharged from the army. An Akron tire and rubber concern, said to have 800 former employes now in camp, was the first to come forward with an offer to re-employ all men taken from it through the draft.

Under the plan advised by the camp personnel adjutant eight men from each organization of the depot brigade will be discharged each day. There are 48 companies in the depot brigade proper and 24 companies in the development battalion. This is taken to man that 576 men per day will be discharged. The plan of discharging by geographical location will be followed out.

Physical examinations will start today. The men examined on that day and found eligible will be discharged on Saturday.

First steps in the mustering out of men at Camp Lee took place yesterday afternoon, when 150 candidates of the Central Officers' Training school went through the demobilizing exabinations. The examinations will continue until completed. It is expected that the actual process of discharging them from the service will begin today. There are 5,471 candidates at the school. There will be no general mustering out of men at present was the statement yesterday of Maj. John S. Greaves.

INFLUENZA IS RAPIDLY BEING STAMPED OUT=CONDITIONS MUCH BETTER TODAY

Situation at Hospital Shows Good and the Same Applies to the Town Generally

The influenza situation today is more encouraging that it has been at any time since it first appeared in Monessen. At the emergency hospital there have been no new admissions since yesterday and no deaths. New dismissals have been eight, and the present number of inmates is six less than yesterday. One very serious case is still in the hospital.

The general condition over town is said to be encouraging, showing some improvement over yesterday, most of the sick cases being in homes where the disease has taken hold of other members. New developments in new families are reported to be very few.

Every morgue in the town this morning was clear, there not being a new death recorded within the past 24 hours, and conditions as a whole are such as to bring a joyous feeling to everyone and promote a more settled business status among our merchants Today's report from the emergency hospital follows:

Total Admissions	281
Deaths	70
Dismissals	184
Present Inmates	27

ONE ON THE CENSOR

How Judson Grimm, a Smithfield soldier, put one over on the censor is shown in a letter just received by his mother. He wrote that he was not permitted to tell where he was located but that the first four letters in the name of the man who kept a confectionery store "next door to A. J. Sutton" would enlighten her. The man's name was Metzler.

—Dr. Brubaker, one of the state doctors sent to Monessen to help combat the influenza a few weeks ago, returned today from Greensburg where he has been for a week or so helping the doctors of that town.

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RICH CHINAMAN DEAD

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—Gov. Martin G. Brumbaugh has written to Secretary of War Baker and Gen. March, chief of staff, urging that the Pennsylvania troops be brought from Europe by way of Philadelphia. The governor said it is the unanimous wish that the Pennsylvanians be landed, if possible, at Philadelphia where "a most fitting and cordial welcome will be accorded them."

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CONDITION OF RALPH LIPTON SERIOUS

The condition of Ralph Lipton at the Monongahela hospital is reported this morning is that he is resting comfortably, but his state is serious. He regained consciousness last night at 5 o'clock, but has no knowledge or memory of the accident which occurred about 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Druggist Lipton of Twelfth street and Schoonmaker avenue left early in the day on a business trip to Donora, with Louie Lumbargo as driver. They reached the hollow along the brick road near the intersection of the Turkey hollow road and started up the grade. Ahead of the Lipton machine was a truck, also an auto driven by Tedy Kisor. It is said the driver speeded up and passed the Kisor machine and was about to pass the truck when the machine skidded on the slippery roadway, going over an 18-foot embankment, Mr. Lipton receiving a fracture of the skull and other serious injuries. Lumbargo was not injured. The truck did not, it is said, run into the machine, as was stated yesterday as both were moving in the same direction. The Lipton machine is reported to have been about demolished.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

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WHEN WILL THE BOYS COME BACK

With peace assured, everyone is now asking when the soldiers will come back. Some people think the boys now over will soon be sent home, while others now in the camps will be sent over to take their place. This would involve much extra transportation, and seems unpractical.

Much will depend on the turn events take inside of Germany. If a new revolutionary government is created that gives evidence of sincere desire for peace, it may be possible largely to reduce the force which it had been expected to keep over there for the next year. We have of course learned that the German word is not to be trusted. But it should be possible so thoroughly to disarm them that a large part of the army could be discharged.

As Europe's chief need now will be for food, it would seem as if France and England and Italy would want our boys to get home as soon as possible so as to help increase the food supply.

Then the Russian situation will affect the matter. Russia is still a powder magazine, with explosions likely any minute. The Bolsheviki rule has created a condition of tyranny and cruelty far worse than anything that existed under the Czar. Such a condition can not be permitted to continue indefinitely. In involves too many elements of danger. The Germans could take advantage of it too easily. How far our army must help restore order only the future can show.

The quick transport of our troops to Europe was achieved only by the use of a great number of English ships. With England short of its food supply, we can not ask her to lend us those vessels any further. We must get the boys home in our own ships. As yet our fleet is not big enough to do that very rapidly, though it is growing. Still it seems reasonable to hope, all things considered, that the great majority of the boys will be joyfully eating turkey at home on Thanksgiving Day, 1919.

THE THANKSGIVING SPIRIT

For a great many years the American people have appointed an annual Thanksgiving Day, the purpose of which was to render thanks to God for His great blessings. As we look back on the comparatively lavish and easy going times of the past, we now realize what our blessings were.

Our people were at liberty to go their own ways, with no call to arms to break up their families and business, and no warfare to devastate homes. There was an abundance of food. We had all the blessings of free government provided by the sacrifices of our fathers, and no one had to risk even a cold in the head to preserve them. The great majority of us never thanked anyone for it, never breathed a prayer of gratitude.

We made the national Thanksgiving Day merely a day of fasting, when most people ate much more than was good for them.

Then all at once the bottom dropped out of our life. We discovered that these blessings are not indefinitely provided without effort on our part, but that they must be maintained by our own toil, sacrifice and suffering.

Our people have risen nobly to the difficulties of the situation, have borne some deprivations and losses, have fought their fight and fought it well. But let us not think we have done it all ourselves. We are placed on earth to work out certain purposes by a higher power, and it is God that gives us the strength to fight our battles.

Let us on this Thanksgiving Day make it something more than mere fleshy feasting. Let us acknowledge that the eternal forces of righteousness and truth have given us their help. Let us then turn to God with overflowing hearts for the success he has given us in a time of great need. and for the bright day of opportunity before us.

STANDARDIZATION

This word is one of the maxims of the times. Whereas standardization is efficiently introduced, it reduces cost of production. Ready made clothing. for instance. is cheaper than custom made, because the processes are standardized. Where you have to build a suit of clothes for each individual man. the element of labor is greatly increased. Where you can run through 100 or 1.000 suits of identical and standardized measurements at one time. the labor cost per article is a great deal less.

In the ship building industry they are claiming that the cost has been greatly reduced by standardization. that is turning out ship parts by wholesale according to identical patterns. Formerly every part was made for each individual ship at much greater expense.

Formerly a great many people had shoes custom made. but now most persons buy the standardized patterns at the store at half the cost. Furniture is mostly standardized now. Art lovers regret the lack of individuality in the paatterns put through in great masses in factories. but hand made furniture is a luxury few individual homes can afford.

We must learn not to demand so many varieties to suit individual taste. If people want clothing or house furnishings different from everyone else, the stores have to tie up a big capital in carrying a large assortment, and the consumer pays interest on the money lying idle.

Standardization could also be applied to housekeeping. Central kitchens that shall serve standardized meals to a neighborhood. and gangs of dish washers and house cleaners to go from house to house, could also introduce the standardization idea. save a burden of labor to the housekeeper. and reduce the cost of living.

EDITORIALETTES

Having exhorted his soldiers to die in the last ditch for him. ex-Kaiser Bill packed up a suit case and ran for Holland.

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After sinking half of the food carrying ships, the Germans will now be begging us to give them some food.

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Society note from the winter resorts: Mr. William Hohenzollern is staying in Holland for his health.

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After worshipping their Kaiser while he was gaining victories, the Huns say they shouldn't be punished for their crimes because the kaiser was to blame.

Editorial Paragraphs

Keep cool and conserve the coal supply!

All the salt in the Dead sea will not save Turkey.

A pro-German doesn't seem to care what he lies about.

Sorghum is also better for the morning pancakes than sugar.

One way to avoid the Spanish influenza is to ignore it with cheery confidence.

Every casualty list tells a new story of American sacrifice for American ideals.

When it becomes necessary to conserve sole leather gasoline Sundays will be restored.

Evidently the worst luck that can happen to a German soldier is not to be taken prisoner.

Any war garden is a success even if, through no fault of the gardener, it didn't grow much.

The only time some men object to getting what they order is when they call for a soft drink.

If Spain really wants to do something for the allies. it should send that influenza to the enemy.

If the young suitor really wishes to make a nice gift. he might try Thrift stamps instead of candy.

However, the person who has it does not much care whether it is Spanish influenza or just plain grip.

Rats leave a sinking ship, and Austria begins to show signs of wanting to jump off the German barge.

What more irksome slavery could there be in these stirring days than that of being chained to a desk?

Pictures of American football players in their togs might be used to lower Hun morale with good effect.

The indications are that "war bread" will continue to disregard appearances and improve in nourishing qualities.

Still, Germany has quite a lot of man power left in its unmobilized spies and propagandists throughout the world.

Following the theory of conservation, political parties this year are putting fewer planks into their platforms.

The only disadvantage some folk see about the coming of peace is that they will have to earn the wages they will receive.

The report that the French have captured Ham sounds encouraging. Only a little further along is Limburg.

We live today quickly in the hope that tomorrow may bring some great benefit—and tomorrow is always a day away!

Among nonessential workers are those who work overtime to make others uncomfortable in public conveyances.

A gasoline shortage may keep many a family close to the fireside, if there is enough fuel to warrant calling it a fireside.

The only real reason a man can't wear his straw hat all winter is because it makes those who see him uncomfortable.

That influenza epidemic comes along at just the right time for some fellows who are working for the first time in years.

Grass never grows on a busy street. according to a proverb. Maybe that's why active men are bald and why women have no whiskers on their chins.

However if oatmeal had no other use than to improve women's complexions by external application, its makers would be classed in the nonessential list.

The men above thirty-two who were telling the younger fellows how simple a matter filling out a questionnaire was, now have a chance to put their theories into practice.

Those wives who have so long thought they could fill their husbands' jobs so much better may now have their opportunity under the ruling that no man can hold a place that a woman can fill.

The Medaille Militaire is almost always won by enlisted men, but Joffre and Foch have been awarded this honor. To be worthy of what a Poilu is worthy of is the greatest ambition of French generals.

Millions of men and women in Europe have given everything, even the clothes off their backs, for our cause, and the only fair thing for us is to divide our clothes with them, even the old ones that we are wearing.

The Cologne Gazette prints a story telling how Wilmington, N. C., Charleston, S. C., and other cities have been shelled by U-boats and are imploring the government to protect them, but it lately ignores those nightly air raids on Indianapolis, Denver, Winnipeg and other nearby cities.

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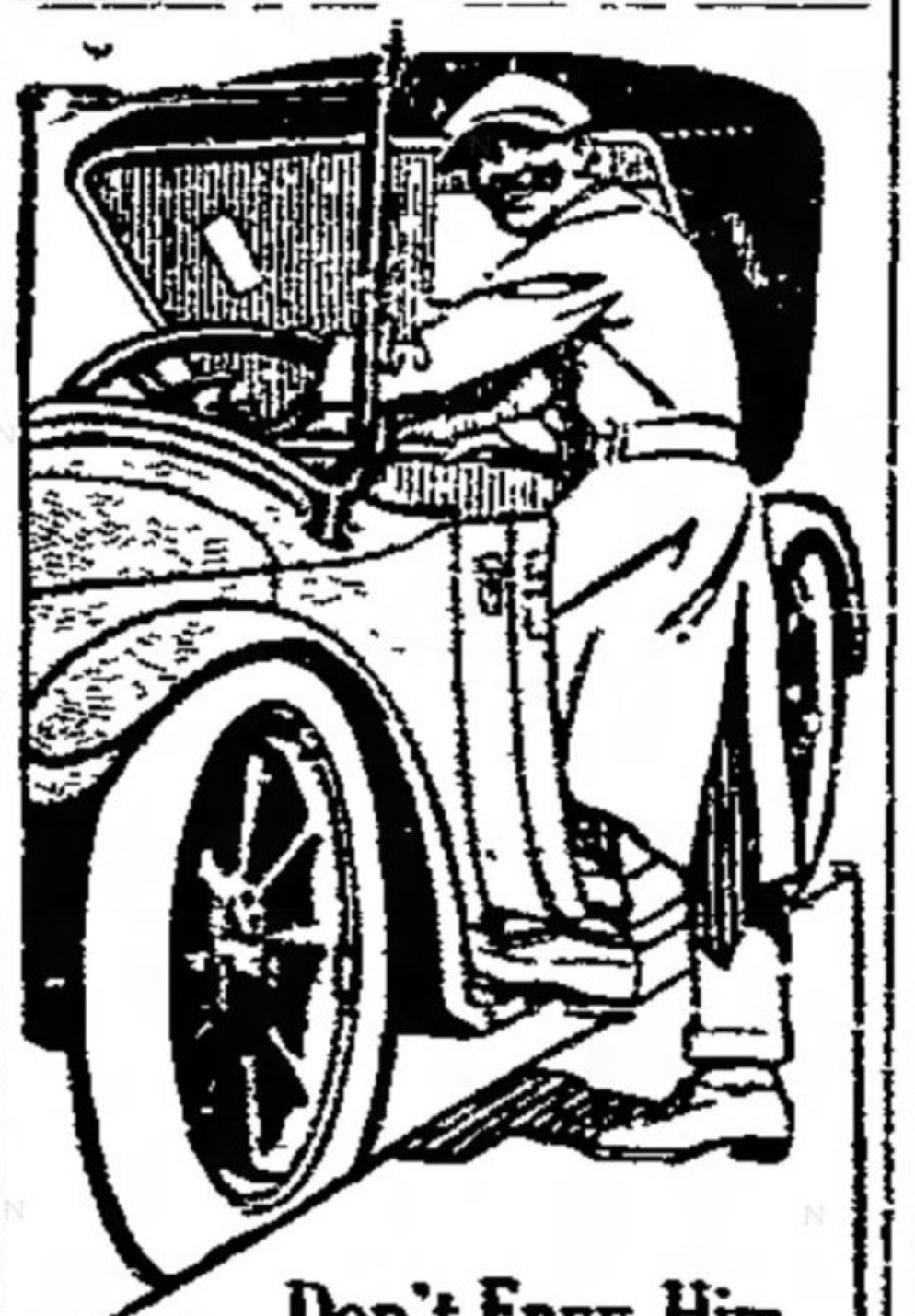

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PORT FOR INLAND NATIONS

Project That Has Aroused Much Interest in Commercial Circles in Switzerland and France.

A project to provide an independent Atlantic port for Switzerland, Bohemia and other inland European nations in order to render them economically independent of Germany after the war is receiving attention in France and Switzerland, according to a report to the department of commerce from Consul General Ravndal at Nantes, France.

This project, the consul states, has aroused much interest at Nantes, whose municipal authorities are conferring with commercial interests in Switzerland with a view to combined action. The business men of Lyons also are said to be watching the movement with deep interest, although they have not yet joined it. The general idea seems to be to construct suitable rail connections between the inland production centers and one of the Loire ports—Nantes, St. Nazaire, La Rochelle or Bordeaux. It is also thought possible the project may be forwarded by the construction of canals linking up the Rhine and Rhone rivers with the navigable lake system of Switzerland.

Existing railroads are available to form the backbone of such construction. Port facilities already have been developed at several of the ports because of war demands and railroad yards and warehouses ample for the beginners of such a project are available at Nantes and St. Nazaire.

It is thought that after the war American passenger and freight traffic with central Europe as well as with France will tend toward the Loire ports in preference to the more distant channel and North sea ports, which, owing to their location and meteorological conditions, increase the cost of navigation and insurance.

DEATH AS ENTRY INTO JOY

Writer Thinks Mankind Exaggerates Importance of Incident of Earthly Dissolution.

Apart from the mystery of lives cut off in their early prime, and this is the horrid catastrophe of war, it is certain that in our natural clinging to life we exaggerate the importance of the incident of death. "Will you never find an abiding peace?" said a friend to a restless poet. He replied, "All life is a wandering to find home."

Michael Fairless writes in the Road Mender: "To the large majority death is Pluto, king of the dark unknown whence no traveler returns. rather than Azrael, brother and friend, lord of the mansion of life. Strange how men shun him as he waits in the shadow, watching our straining after immortality, sending his comrade sleep to prepare us for himself. When the hour strikes he comes—very gently, very tenderly, if we will have it so—folds the tired hands together, takes the way-worn feet in his broad, strong palm; and lifting us in his wonderful arms he bears us swiftly down the valley and across the water of Remembrance. Very pleasant art thou, O Brother Death, thy love is wonderful; passing the love of women."

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Aerial Postal Service.

Negotiations for aerial postal service have been completed between the British and Dutch governments, and Holland is very busy making final arrangements. The journey from Amsterdam to London would take but one and one-half or two hours. The Dutch military airmen, who have been in training since the beginning of the war, are to act as pilots and the ministry of war is lending full co-operation to the scheme. On the same lines an air service between Amsterdam and Groingen is also being arranged. Ground for large airdromes is being prepared near the Dutch metropolis.—Scientific American.

Austrian Child-Slaves.

The report of a parliamentary committee appointed to investigate conditions surrounding child labor in Austria discovered a most deplorable condition, according to the Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna. More than one-third of all schoolchildren are engaged in some kind of work. In some districts all the children of school age are working. Out of every 100 schoolchildren between six and eight years, 18 are at work; between nine and ten, 35; between eleven and twelve, 50, and between thirteen and fourteen, 52. Two-fifths of these children have been working from the time they were five or six years old.

Accurate Shooting.

In France a German plane, swooping around a farmhouse, was startled and soon driven away by very accurate rifle fire. At least the firing was accurate enough to convince Fritz that he was in no safe neighborhood.

But he didn't know that the rifle was being handled by a lieutenant colonel in the American army, who, enraged at the audacity of the hostile birdman, grabbed the weapon and soon had the "supremacy of the air" in that particular locality well under control.

IDEAS ABOUT AGE ARE WRONG

Writer Complains That World Thinks of All Men As If They Were Young.

It is the fashion nowadays to speak of a youth of eighteen as if he were a child, and of a man of thirty-five as if he were yet growing. The ancients had no such ideas, and it has taken the lack of seriousness of the past three or four generations to spread them as they are. I often remember with pleasure a reference of Guy Patin—the charming literary physician of the seventeenth century—to a M. Lenglet, a man of twenty-six, professor of rhetoric at the College d'Harcourt, rector of the Paris university. Guy Patin says a man of twenty-six, as he might have said a man of forty-six; there is not the least intention of contrasting this man's years with his high position. William Pitt was not supposed either, to be a crude youth, and the French revolutionists—most of them men between twenty-five and thirty-five—were never taxed with immaturity.

We think of all men who are not elderly as if they were young men, liable to the mistakes of young men, and this not infrequently leads them to act as if they really were very young men. But most lads of seventeen are clear about their ethical code, and who is there who has gathered some experience, and has not found that the possibility of foregoing the cleanliness of their souls is more unpleasant to them than to most of their seniors?—Ernest Dimmet, in Atlantic Monthly.

JUST PART OF DAILY GRIND

Wounds and Death Mere Incidents to American Soldiers When Duty Sounds Its Call.

There were four of them, and their mission was to transport a machine gun to a wooded hilltop commanding the enemy lines. It was not very far to look at. But they had to crawl the entire distance under fire. All night long they crawled, except when they froze into stillness under the light of the star shells. Before they were halfway there, two of them were wounded and had to work their way back to the lines over the same perilous ground. The other two kept on. The danger increased as they approached the top of the hill. Both of them were bleeding from flesh wounds. Both were spent with the exertion of the long ascent dragging their gun. But their only thought was to do what they had come to do. Just at dawn they rounded the top of the hill. The first thing they saw were two German officers standing with binoculars sweeping the American lines. Quick as thought, without waiting to place their gun, one "Yank held it while the other fired. The officers went down, and the enemy guns woke up. The two boys made cover with their gun and answered the fire. Before the day had fairly broken, they had "cleaned out" the nest of enemy guns and had their own gun advantageously placed.

This is just an ordinary episode of daily life at the front.—From a Red Cross Scrap Book.

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"Goldie"

By ADA PAGE MARSHALL

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Mort Allen put down the street, running like a whitehead. Two boy friends tried to stop the rushing whirlwind, but Mort send them spinning and dashed on.

"Can't stop!" he yelled.

"What's the row—fire? burglars?"

"Worse than that! Aunt Nettie's Goldie is gone!" Then Mort spurred up afresh. Rounding a corner, he ran squarely into Lawyer Barnes, his employer, toppled him sideways against a fence, but halted not for apology or explanation.

"Goldie" was a pet hen of Aunt Nettie Gale, with whom Mort and his sister Juttie lived. Goldie was almost one of the family. In the estimation of Miss Gale, who had raised the blonde hen, Goldie was almost human. She laid an egg every day of the year. She clucked to the minute at seven in the morning, at high noon, and at six in the evening. She never allowed a stray dog or cat to come near the place, and when her mistress appeared in the garden Goldie followed her every step.

Mort worked in the law office of Lawyer Barnes. He had just reached home when he found his sister, flushed, breathless and excited.

"Oh, Mort!" she panted. "Goldie is gone! I've been hunting for her everywhere. Just now, though, Ned Dayton told me that the Moores had sold all their chickens. The men who bought them had a wagon with a coop on it. By mistake they must have got Goldie with the lot, for she goes over there often, and Ned says he is sure he saw one of the men chasing her with a looped wire. He told me they went in the direction of the freight yards."

"I'll soon have Goldie back!" vaunted Mort.

Just as Mort neared the freight yard he met an empty wagon with two men on the seat. He hailed and questioned them, and they proved to be the supposed abductors of Goldie.

"I remember the hen," said one of the men. "Say, you hustle. She's on the Chicago freight, just made up. We dumped the coop in a box car about the middle of the train. The yardmaster is there."

Mort made a new dash. He reached the train, going with increasing momentum, and seized the iron rung of a ladder, swung to the bumpers and clung to the brake rod.

The weather was quite cold, and Mort's hand, clinging to the bar, grew numb and chilled. His position, too, was one of cramped discomfort. Right above him was an open end window of a box car. He pulled himself up and crowded through the aperture. It was to land on a shifting heap.

"Potatoes," he discovered, let go, and rolled down the shifting mass.

"What's doing?" fell upon his ear. "Who is it?" It was dark in the car, and the owner of the voice, seizing a lantern, lit it, and Mort confronted an unkempt, but pleasing faced young man. The potatoes formed slanting hills at the end of the car, but in the center was a clear space where a stove was in place.

Very soon Mort understood the situation. The car in transit was in the charge of the man, who was supposed to accompany the freight to terminus, building a fire if the temperature got below freezing. Then Mort's story came out. His companion laughed heartily.

"You've got pluck, lad!" he commented, "but you'll have to take quite a journey to get back that pet of yours, for this train don't stop until we reach the city. Then I'll see that you get the chicken."

Mort liked his strange host the more he saw of him. The young man was an acknowledged rover, wandering about the country striking all kinds of work and adventure. For the sake of a free pass he acted as warden of the potatoes. When they reached the city he induced the train hands, whom he knew, to hunt up the shipped coop and Mort got Goldie, put her in a bag, and began to cast about to find a way to get back home, 60 miles away.

"Here's something you dropped," he spoke, picking up a card on the car floor.

"Oh, yes," nodded his companion. "It's my pass. What's the matter?" as he noted Mort staring at the name it bore—"Robert Wood."

"Oh, say!" exclaimed Mort. "Is that your name?"

"Sure, it is."

"Oh, then," shouted Mort in wild excitement, "you're a rich man!" and proceeded to inform his astonished host that his employer, Mr. Barnes, had been advertising for a month for one Robert Wood, wanted in a neighboring county as one of the heirs to a large estate.

"And I get one hundred dollars for 'information wanted'!" gloated Mort, "and say! let's get to Mr. Barnes soon as we can."

It was the real Robert Wood, as was discovered later. The back trip was arranged. Goldie restored to the home nest and Robert Wood interviewed the lawyer.

And because Mort had been the means of lifting him from poverty to opulence, and because Robert Wood met pretty Juttie Allen, the young man lingered in the town and the day he received his part of a very substantial estate he asked Juttie to become his wife.

FOOD HOARDERS IN TROUBLE

Mr. B. Z. Ant and Mrs. Camel Called On for Explanations as to Pernicious Activity.

Mr. B. Z. Ant, a well-known citizen of this community, was arrested at his home last night on orders of the food administrator and charged with hoarding food. A large quantity of bread crumbs and other high-priced foodstuffs were found in the basement of Mr. Ant's home. The discovery is somewhat of a surprise as Mr. Ant has always borne an excellent reputation for industry; in fact the proverb 'Go to the Ant, thou Sluggard," so often used, was originally written about a direct ancestor of Mr. Ant.

Witnesses testified that they had seen Mr. Ant on many occasions carrying food to his home and it is thought he has gone so far as to enlist the aid of his friends and relatives in carrying food. Enough edibles to last all winter were found at the Ant home.

Mr. Ant is unable to give any satisfactory explanation of his offense except that some unseen force compelled him to store the food away, as he would need it later on. He denies vigorously that he intended to hold it for higher prices. His case is being considered by the food administrator.

This is the second arrest made by food officials in this neighborhood recently, Mrs. Camel having been found guilty of violating the food regulation regarding the hoarding of fat. Other arrests are likely to follow.—"Bugtown Bugle," Correspondence of the Indianapolis Star.

For Burning Eczema

Greasy salves and ointments should not be applied if good clear skin is wanted. From any druggist for 35c, or $1.00 for extra large size, get a bottle of zemo. When applied as directed it effectively removes eczema, quickly stops itching, and heals skin troubles, also sores, burns, wounds and chafing. It penetrates, cleanses and soothes. Zemo is a clean, dependable and inexpensive, penetrating, antiseptic liquid. Try it, as we believe nothing you have ever used is as effective and satisfying.
The E. W. Rose Co., Cleveland, O.

Pass Along Inspiring Words.

Miss Etta V. Leighton, civic secretary of the National Security league, has started a "Me and You" lip to lip American propaganda. In this the plan is that for every Hun lie uttered there shall be spoken an American truth. The truths are embodied in slogans taken from President Wilson's speeches, General Pershing's messages, and from literature sent out by the committee on public information the National Security league and other organizations.

Miss Leighton is also advising club women, teachers, and other groups to write the slogans on slips of paper and to inclose them in all letters sent to France and Italy, these slogans to be written in the language of the country for which they are intended, so that they can be handed to soldiers and civilians.

Would We Hesitate.

To many, perhaps, to most of us, saving in these times of high prices is difficult, and to get the money for a bond may mean some deprivation. So it is when some dear member of the family is sick unto death and the expense of medical advice and surgical skill and care is mounting to figures that it seems as if we could never meet. Do we hesitate? No; we pledge the last dollar and are glad to do it. How should we feel five years from now if we were to have locked in our hearts the knowledge that our mother country perished because we withheld the things that would have sustained her strength when she was fighting the powers of death and darkness?—Youth's Companion.

Chance for Daddy.

Richard watched his mother knitting socks for some time, then he looked up at his father, who was reading nearby and asked: "Daddy, don't you wish you were a soldier?" His father replied: "Yes. Why?" and Teddy said: "Cause den you could get all dose socks mother knits for other mans."

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Want Column

WANTED—Good laundress and up stairs girl for hotel. Call Bell phone 9396. 20-tf

WANTED—Good girl to work in M. & B. confectionery; best wages. steady work. 30-tf

WANTED—Good Liveryman to run and take care of stable; good wages for a good man. J. A. Hegerson, Monessen Livery. 33-6tp

WANTED—Position as first class bar tender, 15 years experience. Close mixer, sober, amiable and fair. At present employed. Address M, care Independent. 34-5tp

FOR SALE—"1917' 'Studebaker in A-1 condition. Selling on account of leaving town. Tires all new. Address "G" care this office. 36-6t

FOR SALE—The Wm. Bertleman milk business. For information call at 233 Reed avenue. 36-3t

WANTED—Young man as all round salesman and store man. Call at Peoples Store. 36-5tp

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 283-M, Monessen. 36-3tp

WANTED—Woman to do washing and housework one day a week; apply 14 Reed avenue. Phone 337-R. 37-2tp

WANTED—Woman to work by the day; apply 36 McKee avenue or call phone No. 433. 37-tf

FOR SALE—Three good breeding sows, also one male hog weighing from 400 to 450 pounds, and nine six-weeks old pigs. Anyone wanting half or whole hog dressed, inquire at same address. Write post office box 133 or inquire R. C. Schmidt, Pricedale road. 37-3tp

WANTED—Paper boys, aged 14 to 16 years. Good wages. Taylor's newstand. 37-tf

FOR SALE — Motorcycle 1918 model Harley, fully equipped, positively a new shape. Price $200 for this week. Call 182-J, Belle Vernon. 37-3tp

LOST—Between Charleroi and Finleyville one 32x3½ tire, tube and rim. Reward if returned to Independent office. 38-3tp

NOTICE—Couple without children will take care of your piano for use of same. Convenient place to put it. Address "K" care Independent. 38-5tp

FOR RENT—Two pleasant rooms, furnished, suitable for couple or two gentlement; phone 439-R. 1tp

FOR RENT—Large front room, nicely furnished for two. Gentlemen preferred. 433 Reed avenue. 38-2tp

FOR SALE—Car load of home raised winter cabbage and potatoes from the car near Lake Erie station. Apply at car. D. J. O'Donnell. 38-2tp

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REPORT ON MACCABEE BENEFIT

The Lady Maccabees announce the settling up of their play which was given for the benefit of the Red Cross as follows:

Receipts for Tickets	$379.00
Roscoe Expenses	62.16
For Printing	17.55
Janitor	2.50
For Labor	7.00
Drayage	10.00
Sundries	2.79
Total Expenses	$102.00

This left a balance of $277.00. 10 per cent of balance, or $27.00 went to the Roscoe Red Cross, leaving a balance for Monessen Chapter Red Cross of $250.00.

The Monessen Review No. 184 thanks every person who helped in any way to make this affair the great success it was. The ladies deserve to be congratulated on the large amount turned in.

SENTENCED TO ELECTRIC CHAIR

Convicted of the murder of Raymond Barcello, Patsy Medio, who recently declared Mrs. Sarah Wright of Pittsburgh, who had been drugged and kidnapped by Barcello, fired the fatal shot, was sentenced yesterday to death in the electric chair by Judge E. H. Repert in the Uniontown court.

..Barcello's body was found in a well near his home, where he had resided with Mrs. Wright keeping her, according to tstimony, either intoxicated or under guard. Mrs Wright is the wife of a Pittsburgh contractor. Following her arrest, on a charge of murder, she was discharged from custody, following a habeas corpus hearing.

EXPRESS RATES ARE INCREASED

General increases in express rates were announced yesterday by Director General McAdoo of the railroad administration. East of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers the new rates on merchandise will be about 16 and 17 cents 100 pounds more than at present. The increase on food rates will be about 75 percent as much.

For the remainder of the country the merchandise rate will be increased about 10 to 12 cents 100 pounds over the present scale, and the increase in food rates will be proportionately 75 per cent. The increases, it was announced, are due to increase in wages and become effective January 1.

Woman's Case Startles Monessen

A business man's wife could not read or sew without sharp pain in her eyes. For years her eyes were read and weak. Finally she tried pure Lavoptik eye wash. The result of one application astonished her. A small bottle Lavoptik is guaranteed to benefit EVERY CASE weak, strained or inflamed eyes. ONE WASH will startle with its quick results. - Aluminum eye cup FREE.—Harry F. Craig, druggist. adv.

GOOD GRAVEYARD AFTER THAT

A Few Broadsides From American Batteries Cured It of Its Bad Habit of Wandering.

This is a story of faith and what it accomplished. It was brought in to Paris by a dispatch-bearer and found its way into the Red Cross scrapbook over a cup of tea.

An American artillery detachment lay waiting for a report from the air scouts. All at once a message fell from the clouds: "Fire on moving graveyard."

What on earth did he mean? Was he joking? That particular airman was a born wag. Did he mean, perhaps, some body of enemy troops not yet visible? Off in the distance the crosses of a military graveyard were to be seen, quiescent and innocent under the afternoon sun. He could not possibly refer to that.

"Yes, by heaven!" said the officer in command. "I believe in that fellow. That's the only graveyard in sight. He must mean that."

He gave the order. The guns spoke. Great masses of smoke arose from the quiet graveyard and a loud series of explosions ensued.

Shortly afterward the airman alighted.

"Well, you did have faith in me," he said. "I wondered if you would think I was joking. I saw what looked like a military graveyard on the right of the road. A little later I looked down and it was on the left of the road. I couldn't believe my eyes, but I did, and flashed you the word. Rather a new dodge to get munitions up to the front!"

Independent.

"Suppose all the doctors have to go to war?"

"I don't care. Mr. Hoover doesn't let me eat anything that disagrees with me."

LOCAL NOTES

—Little Ruth Kissler of 249 Sixth street, is on the sick list.

—Mrs. Peter Masseto of 254 Sixth street, is confined to her home on account of sickness.

—Mrs. Harry A. Irwin and daughter Miss Margaret Irwin, were visitors in Pittsburgh yesterday.

—Mrs. John Hillman of Sixth street, returned home Tuesday evening from a visit with friends at Braddock.

—Mr. and Mrs. James D. Nicolay of 910 Knox avenue, are among the sick, suffering from severe colds.

—Rev. I Jay Duke, pastor of the United Brethren church, has returned from a visit with relatives at various points in the eastern part of the state.

The Rev. David Gerdes, pastor of the Whiteside County Ill. Church of the Brethren, who preachd opposition to Liberty Loan and Red Cross, was sentenced to 10 years in Leavenworth prison by Judge Landis at Rockford, Ill., yesterday.

—Leonard Mood of Ninth street, is very critically ill at his home with pneumonia, his life being despaired of. He is an employe of the Motz Lumber company and has been ill since Sunday. Mrs. Mood is also a victim of the dread disease.

—Gust Fekaris, a patient in the Monongahela hospital, who had his left leg badly crushed November 4 by being caught between a passing electric car and a wall, is improving nicely and it is though he will be able to come home next week His brother Steve visited him yesterday.

—The Kiss-Me Cigarette Co., Gust Haritsos, proprietor, 352 Donner avenue, has a special Christmas feature that is unique and timely and is taking well with Monessen folk. Send your soldier boy or friend a box of Kiss-Me Cigarettes with the wrapper printed "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year," or monogram cigarettes with "His" name on the wrapper. Something new, something that will be appreciated. Read the "Kiss-Me' ad on another page.

NO GENERAL RULE POSSIBLE

Matter of Proper Amount of Bodily Exercise Must Be Left to Discretion of Individual.

"It is an axiom that mental excellence is to a very considerable extent dependent upon a man's physical condition," declared Secretary of State Robert Lansing. "It is equally true that rules of health, except the most general, depend in large measure upon the individual and upon his peculiar needs

"If I were asked to lay down rules which might be applied generally," continued the American premier, "I would embody them in the phrase 'More fresh air and less food.' How much bodily exercise should be taken and its character depend upon the individual, his physical condition and, to an extent, on his tastes. Of course, exercise is, as a rule, beneficial, but it ought to be a pleasure to the one taking it if he would get the best results.

'It may sound like heresy, but I sometimes wonder whether exercise, when it is not a diversion, is really worth while. Certainly the mind is not rested if it rebels against certain forms of physical training which are being taken, and recreation for the mind of one engaged in intellectual pursuits is, in my opinion, one of the most essential purposes of exercise of the muscles.

"I believe, however, as I have said, that fresh air is one of the great restoratives, and the fact that exercise is generally taken in the open is one of its chief benefits."—From "Secretary Lansing's Story of His Health and Energy," by Richard M. Winans in Physical Culture.

KILL OFF PREDATORY BEASTS

Ridding Ranges of Ravaging Rogues Results in Saving More Than $5,000,000 Worth of Stock.

It is estimated that the bureau of biological survey of the United States department of agriculture is saving annually over $5,000,000 worth of live stock for the ranchers of the Rocky mountain section as a result of its intensive campaign against predatory animals, which has been in progress during the past three years. During this period 60,458 coyotes, 8,085 bobcats, 1,829 wolves, 201 mountain lions, and 137 bears have been trapped or shot, and many other animals have been poisoned. The income from the sale of pelts of animals killed by government hunters to protect live stock during the last year will aggregate approximately $100,000. This work is of special importance, because the cattle and sheep which are already on the range producing meat, wool, and leather are afforded protection, and thus the actual sources of these essential commodities are being conserved for market. Furthermore, clearing the range of predatory animals is making conditions more favorable for stocking the grazing areas to full capacity and for improving the quality of the breeding stock.—United States Department of Agriculture.

Japanese Beetle in New Jersey.

A public hearing on the proposed quarantine of a portion of New Jersey on account of the Japanese beetle, a serious pest of certain vegetables and fruit, was held by the United States department of agriculture in Washington recently. As a result of infestation of the Japanese beetle in parts of Burlington county, N. J., the proposed quarantine is intended to prohibit the shipment from this territory of green sugar corn, ripe tomatoes and ripe peaches which might cause this pest to spread. A campaign of eradication authorized by congress is now in progress, and the proposed quarantine is deemed necessary to support the measures that are being taken for the suppression of this dangerous pest.

CONSOLIDATION HAS TAKEN PLACE

Consolidation of the services of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies under government control, effective December 1, was announced yesterday by Postmaster General Burleson. The folowing order was issued.

In order that the telegraph facilities may be used to the fullest extent and the transmission of messages expedited, the telegraph system shall hereafter be operated as one and effective December 1, 1918. All telegraph offices shall accept for transmission all classes of messages now accepted by any one of them at the prescribed rates.

No physical consolidation of offices and facilities of the companies is planned for December 1, amalgamation for the present being limited to the interchange of messages. Reports are on file, however, recommending the merging of telephone telegraph and postoffices, and officials indicated that steps along this line, might be expected after some experiments had been conducted in Washington.

On December 1 telegraph messages will be accepted at postoffice branches in Washington and pay stations will be installed in each branch. Other experiments are planned.

It was announced that after January 1 employes of telegraph companis in service continuously two years will be given annual vacations with pay of two weeks and those in service one year will be given one week.

Extension of long-distance telephone service to all local lines where practicable is planned by Postmaster General Burleson. Companies without long-distance connections were invited to make applications in writing.

The Postmaster General announced that, failing to reach an agreement with the Postal Telegraph and cable company upon compensation and to be paid for its lines during the period of government control, he had made an award, which would be enforced, though the department would facilitate a suit in the courts to determine final adjustment.

The Postmaster General asserted that the Postal company in sworn statements to the Wire Control commission, had represented its net operating income in 1916 to be $4,157,670, while the net income reported by its component corporations to the Interstate Commerce Commission during the same period was only $332,343. This, he said, made it impossible for the department to accept the company's proposal.

The postal company had asked $3,800,000 and interest as the annual compensation, during control of its land lines. The amount awarded by Mr Burleson was not announced.

An order making effective government possession and control of marine cable systems of the United States, proclaimed by President Wilson under date of November 2, was issued yesterday by Postmaster General Burleson.

CONGRESS HAS BRIEF VACATION

Senate and House leaders yesterday completed arrangements for the ending today of the present session of Congress so that members may have a brief vacation before the third and last session opens December 2.

A few obstacles to the program developed but leaders believe they will serve only to postpone adjournment for a few hours. Senators Wilson of Indiana and Sherman of Illinois, Republicans, are expected to address the Senate in criticism of President Wilson's action in taking control of cable wires after the signing of the armistice, while Senator Reed of Missouri, Democrat, has prepared a speech on the plan for a league of nations.

During the recess the finance committee hopes to complete revision of the war revenue bill to have it ready for the Senate when the new session begins. The committee again suspended formal sittings to enable treasury experts to work on proposed amendments.

AGED SCHOOL TEACHER IS DEAD

Miss Isabelle Freeby, teacher in the Washington Pa. schools for almost half a century, died at her home Sunday evening after an illness of several weeks of influenza, followed by pneumonia. Miss Freeby was the oldest teacher both in point of service and in age in Washington and probably in th county. She had been teaching school for the past 60 years, and was one of the best known teachers in the county. For the past 42 years she was a teacher in the borough schools, and among her last pupils are children whose grandparents were taught by her.

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DOING HIS BIT

By LAURA J. NUNN.

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Early in the great movement for the conservation of food Jessie had broached the subject to her husband. He had acquiesced most heartily. Certainly he would be glad to "do his bit." "All I want is the plainest of food," he said. "And your cooking would make the worst concoctions delicious!"

For a while all went well. Delicious dishes based on rice or spaghetti, with nourishing meat sauces, appeared on the table, and occasionally an entire meal of vegetables. And John had eaten them, first with noisy approbation of the economic value of the movement, then with a great parade of patriotism, but lastly in a pregnant silence that spoke volumes of martyrdom. Several times he had telephoned that he would not be home for dinner—detained by business.

And then one evening the cat was out of the bag. John had arrived home almost an hour earlier than usual, laden down with packages. Into the kitchen he strode and slammed them noisily down upon the tub-tops. "There!" he said as he untied a string and disclosed a huge steak; "there's a piece of meat. That's steak! Beef! Allow me to introduce you, madam, to a meal. I have had all the makeshifts I want around here and I am off the war stuff for good and all! Why," he continued virtuously, "all I want is simple food. A good piece of meat, some vegetables, some good bread and butter, and a dessert. No frills to that. And I'm going to have them."

Secretly Jessie was just as well pleased. The "makeshifts" had meant much extra work for her, and it must be admitted she did not particularly enjoy made dishes. She, too, liked "good plain food."

So matters jogged along until John produced a pair of tickets for a lecture on "Hooverizing." "It is tonight," he said. "We will have to go—and thank goodness it is with a clear conscience that we can hear him hand it to those people who have not been doing their bit."

"Well, we certainly have!" laughed Jessie.

An hour later, from their comfortable seats in the hall, they looked at each other in consternation. But the speaker's words still flowed on in earnest appeal, and there was not time for discussion.

"Hundreds of you good people would tell me if I asked you, that you are doing all you can," he said. "You will say that you have cut out everything but necessities. You are using nothing but plain food—and plain food with you means the best roasts of beef, lamb and pork; the finest steaks and chops; the whitest bread you can obtain, and the 'simplest' desserts—usually pies or cake which use up the white flour.

"Do you honestly think you are doing your best? This war will be won or lost by food. Don't forget that for one minute. Most of you, in your comfortable houses, feel that the war is a remote thing which can never touch you. You give five minutes of pity to the starving children in Belgium or Poland, and then sit down to heaping plates of food and promptly forget all about them. You have a vague sense that everything will be all right. Uncle Sam is behind us, and of course that means that nothing can harm us. Other countries have suffered. But America? Impossible! And so you go on day by day, grumbling a little at the increased cost of living and continuing to live exactly as you did before the war.

"Many of you think because you have bought a Liberty bond you have 'done your bit.' What right have we to give a 'bit' while our men in the army give their all? So must we. We cannot all go to the front: some of us must stay here to keep things going. But we can and we must do without the things we like; must sacrifice what we most enjoy to help win the cruelest, most horrible war in the history of the world.

"Begin at home—now—to save the foods that our men at the front must have. Cut out the roasts, the steaks, the pies and puddings. What if you don't like war bread? Or macaroni? Or beans three times a week? Do you think the men in the trenches 'like' it—especially now when winter is at hand?

"Looking at it from this point of view the housewives of the country are of even more importance than its army. For of what use would be an army without food?

"And get away from this idea of doing your 'bit.' Go in all over. A 'bit' is not enough. ALL of the BEST of you is necessary. YOU can win this war!"

In silence John walked home beside his wife. She was doing some deep thinking but wisely refraining from saying anything—yet.

Finally it came out. Was it John's usually hearty, loud voice that spoke? "We'll begin tomorrow, Jess," he said huskily. "I guess we have not done much thinking—I've been wishing all along that I could do something. Envied the fellows in uniform and all that, you know. Even if I can't wear the khaki I can do something. How about it, old girl?"

And Jessie, as she thought of the ruined houses, the blind and crippled men, the starving women and children in Europe, gave thanks that she could do her part to aid the men who would fight to make such conditions impossible in America.

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